Coming Up

Monday, December 11 - Thursday, March 1
Myschool DC Lottery Window for PS - 8th

Wednesday, January 24
PTA General Meeting – State of the School Address
Principal Lycknell
6:30 – 8 p.m.
ASL Interpreter Provided
Childcare Provided

Friday, January 26
Brent Spelling Bee
1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 31
Diversity Working Group
6:30 – 8 p.m.

Thursday, February 1
Publishing Night
ASL Interpereters Provided

Friday, February 2
Report Cards Distributed

Monday, February 5
Open House for Prospective Families
9 - 10 a.m.

Tuesday, February 13
Principal’s Coffee
8:30 -10:30

This Wednesday, January 24 - General PTA Meeting – Brent State of Schools
The Brent State of the School Presentation will be part of Wednesday’s PTA meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. Intended to reflect our past, present and future, this presentation will give the Brent Community an overview of Brent’s work over the first half of the academic year, describe future initiatives as well as look to strategic planning for the next couple of years. There will also be an extended question and answer session. As always, free childcare (including pizza) will be provided. As a reminder, the meeting will be streamed live via Facebook Live on Brent’s Facebook page so you can

Photos: Some scenes from last Thursday’s Brent’s school-wide meeting and Club Day.
participate and stay informed even if you cannot be there in person. The meetings are also archived on Brent’s FB page so you can stay up to date on the PTA events on your schedule. ASL interpreters will be provided for this meeting.

What’s all the BUZZ at Brent? – Brent’s Spelling Bee this Friday!
Brent’s 4th Annual School Spelling Bee will take place this Friday, January 26, beginning at 1:15 p.m. Brent spellers who have previously signed up will compete in multiple rounds with increasingly challenging words. Come cheer on Brent’s super spellers.

Local Author Visits Second Graders
Last Wednesday, second graders welcomed a local children’s book author, Pamela Ehrenberg, into their classrooms. During her visit, she discussed the publishing process and read her newest book, Queen of the Hanukkah Dosas, a sweet and humorous picture book that celebrates the beauty and fun of multi-culturalism. As Hanukkah approaches, a young boy is reluctant to let his little sister, who loves to climb, help make dosas, a fried Indian delicacy. The boy attends Hebrew school-his father is Jewish-and shops for Indian food with his Indian mother and grandmother. The only way to get his little sister, Sadie, down from chairs at home and stacks of canned food in the market is to sing a variation of the dreidel song: “I had a little dosa; I made it out of dal.” He is happy in his blended family, happy to help with the food preparations, and happy to keep singing the song to Sadie. When the family goes outside to greet guests, the door locks behind them, and only one small girl can get inside to open the door for everyone. Second graders also took some time to reflect and share a favorite recipe from their own family. See photo.

Help needed to work with a small group doing a Mercado craft!
Who: Parent volunteers needed for 2nd graders
What: Work with a group of 3-4 students making a Mystical Eye (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lmuPTXbJLR4ukXcPpGEz0HkZ5TAY-CWU6a/view?usp=sharing)
When: Tuesday 1/30 (afternoon) and Friday, 2/2 (afternoon)
Where: Brent Elementary School 2nd Floor
Why: Mercado preparation
How: Email jenniferannettem@gmail.com

*Be on the lookout for later dates to volunteer as more small groups will get a chance to finish their craft until all students have had the time to get it done.

Brent Teachers Workout at Orangetheory
Brent teachers enjoyed a sweat session at Orangetheory - Navy Yard with head trainer, Timbo Williams. Orangetheory staff volunteered their time on Health and Fitness Day, and are looking forward to coming back to Brent in the future! If you are looking for an awesome workout, you should check them out! See photo above.
We hope that Brent students share their healthy food recipes. See attached flyer for more details.

**DC Summer Camp Enrollment Fair - this Thursday from 6 - 8 p.m. at JO Wilson Elementary**
The 2018 JO Wilson Elementary School PTA is bringing 40 of the finest camps in DC, Maryland and Virginia to share information on a wide variety of spring break and summer activities, ranging from traditional camps to academic, arts, music, and special interest camps.

**Sodexo Announces 2018 Future Chefs Competition**
While healthy eating can be a challenge for kids and parents, elementary school students across the country are using their creativity and culinary skills to make healthy comfort food recipes in nutrition partner and Quality of Life Services provider Sodexo’s 2018 Future Chefs Challenge. The national initiative, which is going onto its seventh year, was created to get students thinking about making healthy food choices while also encouraging them to get active and creative in the kitchen!

**DPR Summer Camp Reduced Rate Applications now being accepted**
DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is now accepting reduced rate applications for its 2018 summer camp season. To apply customers must visit the Summer Camp Office located at Columbia Heights Recreation Center (1480 Girard Street, NW – Ward 1) with correct documentation to qualify for discount. Summer Camp Office hours of operations are: Monday 9:30 am – 7 pm; Tuesday – Friday 9:30 am – 5:00 pm.

In addition to the summer camp office, DPR offers two other locations to apply for reduced rates. These two locations will accept applications from January 16 – May 4, 2018. During this period, applicants must come in-person to turn in and/or complete a reduced rate application. Applications will be accepted at the locations listed below:

- **Barry Farm Recreation Center**
  1230 Sumner Road SE (Ward 8)
  Monday – Friday: 10 am - 2 pm
  Applicants may come apply after 5pm by appointment only. Please call 202-442-5513 to schedule an evening appointment.

- **Deanwood Recreation Center**
  1350 49th Street NE (Ward 7)
  Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 am - 2 pm; Tuesday and Thursday: 5 pm – 8 pm

Location: JO Wilson Elementary School
660 K St NE
Washington DC 20002
Thursday, January 25, 2018
6-8 p.m. See photo for more information.